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In re Application of:

Tricia Ehlers Henry et al.

Serial No.: 10/775,831

Filing Date: February 10, 2004

For: System and Method for Accessing
a Messaging Service Using a
Short Dialing Sequence

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PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW

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Dear Sir:

Applicants request review of the final rejection in the above-identified application.
No amendments are being filed with this request.

This request is being filed with a notice of appeal

The review is requested for the reasons stated on the attached sheets. No more than five (5) pages are provided.

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 1-20 are pending on the application. In the final Office Action dated Sept. 19, 2008, the Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,215,857 ("Kasiviswanathan") in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,044,259 ("Hentila") and U.S. Pat. No. 5,278,897 ("Mowery"). Applicants request review of the final rejection.

II. The Proposed Combinations Do Not Render Claim 1 Unpatentable

Independent claim 1 generally recites a supplementary service processor operative to generate a query to a supplementary service database to determine whether the central office switch supports a supplementary service and to determine whether a user has access to a voicemail service based on a caller identifier. Kasiviswanathan, Hentila, and Mowery each fail to teach this element.

The Examiner has acknowledged that "Kasiviswanathan in view of Hentila fails to teach to determine [sic] whether a user has access to a voicemail service based on a caller identifier." (See Office Action dated Sept. 19, 2008, page 5). Accordingly, the proposed combination of Kasiviswanathan and Hentila necessarily fails to teach generating a query to a supplementary service database to determine both whether a central office switch supports a supplementary service and whether a user has access to a voicemail service based on a caller identifier.

Like Kasiviswanathan and Hentila, Mowery also fails to teach the element. Mowery is directed to systems and methods for providing smart internodal transfer for subscriber access in multimode voice messaging. Mowery discloses a database to provide information regarding whether an accessed node is a home node for a subscriber, to provide password validation information, and to provide subscriber information such as subscriber mailbox information and subscriber accesses type.

The Examiner has asserted that Mowery teaches determining whether a user has access to a voicemail service based on a caller identifier. Applicants respectfully submit that determining whether a user has access to a voicemail service based on a caller identifier is not the same as generating a query to a supplementary database to

determine both whether a central office switch supports a supplementary service and whether a user has access to voicemail service based on a caller identifier.

Because Kasiviswanathan, Hentila, and Mowery each fail to teach a supplementary service processor operative to generate a query to a supplementary service database to determine whether the central office switch supports a supplementary service and to determine whether a user has access to a voicemail service based on a caller identifier, the proposed combinations of Kasiviswanathan, Hentila, and Mowery necessarily do not render independent claim 1, or any claim that depends on claim 1, unpatentable.

III. The Proposed Combinations Do Not Render Claim 11 Unpatentable

Independent claim 11 recites determining whether a central office switch supports a supplementary service based on a message sequence and a supplementary service database, and determining whether a user has access to a voicemail service based on a caller identifier and the supplementary service database. In claim 11, the supplementary service database is used to determine both whether a central office switch supports a supplementary service and whether a user has access to a voicemail service based on a caller identifier. As discussed above in conjunction with claim 1, the proposed combinations of Kasiviswanathan, Hentila, and Mowery fail to teach this element.

Because Kasiviswanathan, Hentila, and Mowery each fail to teach at least determining whether a central office switch supports a supplementary service based on a message sequence and a supplementary service database, and determining whether a user has access to a voicemail service based on a caller identifier and the supplementary service database, the combinations of Kasiviswanathan, Hentila, and Mowery as contemplated by the Examiner do not render claim 11, or any claim that depends on claim 11, unpatentable.

IV. The Proposed Combinations Do Not Render Claim 16 Unpatentable

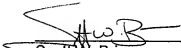
Independent claim 16 recites generating a query to a supplementary service database in response to receiving a message sequence to determine whether the

central office switch supports a supplementary service based on whether a service code is present in the n-digit message sequence and to determine whether the user has access to the voicemail service based on a caller identifier. As discussed above in conjunction with claim 1, Kasiviswanthan, Hentila, and Mowery fail to teach generating a query to a database to determine both whether a central office supports a supplementary service and whether a user has access to a voicemail service based on a caller identifier. For at least this reason, the proposed combinations of Kasiviswanthan, Hentila, and Mowery necessary do not render independent claim 16, or any claim that depends on claim 16, unpatentable.

V. Conclusion

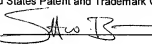
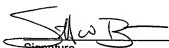
Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions concerning this Response, the Examiner is asked to phone the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4200.

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